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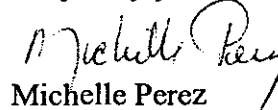
Mr. Crane and Ms. Coakley:

In accordance with Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93H § 3(b) (H.B. 4144), we are providing you with written notification regarding the nature and circumstances of a recent event that may constitute a legally-reportable security breach.

We recently became aware of an incident that may have resulted in the compromise of personal information of some individuals. A Philips Electronics North America Corporation laptop computer used by a Philips recruiting coordinator was stolen from a locked car. Among the data stored on the laptop were the names, addresses, Social Security numbers and dates of birth of certain prospective employees. Approximately forty-four (44) of the prospective employees affected reside in Massachusetts. At this time, we have no evidence that any information has been used to commit identity fraud. We have notified law enforcement authorities about this crime.

Attached for your information is a sample of the breach notification letter we are sending to affected individuals. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (732) 563-3404.

Very truly yours,



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[Name  
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Dear [ ]:

We recently became aware of an incident that may have resulted in the compromise of personal information of certain individuals. Philips regrets that this incident may affect you. Philips takes its obligation to safeguard your personal information very seriously and, therefore, Philips is alerting you so you can take steps to protect yourself from possible identity fraud. Philips is unable to determine whether your information was in fact accessed by an unauthorized individual. Accordingly, out of an abundance of caution, Philips encourages you to take certain steps to help protect yourself from identity fraud.

**Order Your Free Credit Report.** To order your free credit report, visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228, or complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form on the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's website at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. Do not contact the three credit bureaus individually. They provide free annual credit reports only through the website or toll-free number.

When you receive your credit report, review it carefully. Look for accounts you don't recognize. Look in the "inquiries" section for names of creditors from whom you haven't requested credit. Some companies bill under names other than their store names. The credit bureau will be able to tell you when that is the case. And look in the "personal information" section for information (such as your home address and Social Security number) for any inaccuracies. Errors in this information may be a warning sign of possible identity theft. You should notify the credit bureaus of any inaccuracies in your report, whether due to error or fraud, as soon as possible so the information can be investigated and, if found to be in error, corrected. If there are accounts or charges you did not authorize, immediately notify the appropriate credit bureau by telephone and in writing.

If you find items you don't understand on your report, call the credit bureaus at the number given on the report. Credit bureau staff will review your report with you. If the information can't be explained, then you will need to call the creditors involved. Information that can't be explained also should be reported to your local police or sheriff's office because it may signal criminal activity.

**Register for Credit Monitoring.** Philips has arranged to provide you credit monitoring at no charge for twelve months. Credit monitoring will provide you with an "early warning system" to changes to your credit file and help you understand the content of your credit file. The key features and benefits are as follows:

- Comprehensive credit file monitoring of your Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion credit reports with daily notification of key changes to your credit files from any of the three agencies
- Available wireless and customizable alerts
- One 3-in-1 credit report



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- Unlimited access to your Equifax Credit Report™
- \$20,000 in identity theft insurance with \$0 deductible (certain limitations and exclusions may apply)
- Live customer service agents available 24-7 to provide personalized identity theft victim assistance and to assist you in understanding the contents of your Equifax credit information and in initiating investigations of inaccurate information

You will need to register for this free credit monitoring before **June 18, 2008**. To take advantage of this offer, follow this simple Internet-based verification and enrollment process:

- **Visit:** [www.myservices.equifax.com/tri](http://www.myservices.equifax.com/tri)
- **Consumer Information:** complete the form with your contact information (name, address and e-mail address) and click the "Continue" button. The information is provided in a secured environment.
- **Identity Verification:** complete the form with your Social Security number, date of birth, telephone numbers, create a User Name and Password, agree to the Terms of Use and click the "Continue" button. The system will ask you up to two security questions to verify your identity.
- **Payment Information:** During the "check out" process, provide the following promotional code: <XXXXXX> in the "Enter Promotion Code" box (no spaces, include dash). After entering your code press the "Apply Code" button and then the "Submit Order" button at the bottom of the page. (This code eliminates the need to provide a credit card number for payment.)
- **Order Confirmation:** - Click "View My Product" to access your 3-in-1 Credit Report

To receive this product by US Mail: Please call toll-free at 1-866-937-8432.

**Place a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.** To protect yourself from possible identity theft, consider placing a fraud alert on your credit file. A fraud alert helps protect you against the possibility of an identity thief opening new credit accounts in your name. When a merchant checks the credit history of someone applying for credit, the merchant gets a notice that there may be fraud on the account. This alerts the merchant to take steps to verify the identity of the applicant. You can report potential identity theft to all three of the major credit bureaus by calling any one of the toll-free fraud numbers below. You will reach an automated telephone system that allows you to flag your file with a fraud alert at all three bureaus.

Equifax	1-877-478-7625	<a href="http://www.equifax.com">www.equifax.com</a>
Experian	1-888-397-3742	<a href="http://www.experian.com">www.experian.com</a>
TransUnion	1-800-680-7289	<a href="http://www.transunion.com">www.transunion.com</a>

You will be sent instructions on how to get a copy of your report from each of the credit bureaus. As a possible victim of identity theft, you will not be charged for these copies. Even if you do not initially find any signs of fraud on your reports, we recommend that you review your credit reports carefully every three months for the next year. Just call the numbers above to order your reports and keep the fraud alert in place.

**Right to Request a Police Report and a Security Freeze on Your Credit Report**

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You have the right to request a police report and the right to request a security freeze on your credit report. The security freeze will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing any information in your consumer report without your express authorization. As such, it could delay or prevent your timely application for new loans, credit, mortgages, insurance, government services or payments, rental housing, employment, investments, licenses, cellular phones, utilities, credit card transactions, or other services, including extensions of credit at the point of sale.

You can request a security freeze by sending a certified, overnight, or regular mail request to the consumer reporting agencies using the contact information given below. Consumer reporting agencies may charge you a fee of up to \$5 to place a freeze on your account, and may require that you provide proper identification prior to honoring your request. Should you decide to request a security freeze on your credit report, you will need to provide the consumer reporting agencies with the following information:

**For Equifax:** your full name, current residential address, date of birth, Social Security number, and proof of your current address (such as a current utility bill).

**For Experian:** your full name, with middle initial and generation (such as Jr., Sr., II, III), Social Security number, date of birth, current address and previous address(es) for the past 2 years. You also will need to provide one copy of a government issued identification card (such as a driver's license, state or military card, etc.) and one copy of a recent utility bill, bank or insurance statement, etc. Make sure that each copy is legible, displays your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue.

**For TransUnion:** your name, current residential address, Social Security number, credit card number and expiration date (to pay the \$5 fee). You also will need to provide proof of your current residence (such as a driver's license or state issued identification card).

The contact information to place a security freeze with these consumer reporting agencies is as follows:

Equifax Security Freeze, P.O. Box 105788, Atlanta, Georgia 30348; tel: 1-877-478-7625,  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

Experian Security Freeze, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, Texas 75013; tel: 1-888-397-3742, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

TransUnion, Fraud Victims Assistance Division, P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, California 92834-6790, tel: 1-800-680-7289, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

**Follow the FTC's Recommendations.** If you believe your identity has been stolen, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") recommends that you take these additional steps:

- Close the accounts that you have confirmed or believe have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. Use the FTC's ID Theft Affidavit (available at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft)) when you dispute new unauthorized accounts.
- File a local police report. Obtain a copy of the police report and submit it to your creditors and any others that may require proof of the identity theft crime.

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- File your concern with the FTC. The FTC maintains a database of identity theft cases used by law enforcement agencies for their investigations. Filing a concern helps the FTC learn more about identity theft and the problems victims are having so FTC representatives can better assist you. The FTC's Identity Theft Hotline toll-free number is 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338) or you can visit their website at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

I hope this information is useful to you. If you would any questions, please call me at (978) 659-3508. Again, Philips regrets any inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,



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